INFORMATION BULLETIN



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

On March 9, 2002, the *Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002* was signed into law that provides for temporary extended unemployment compensation. This Act allows unemployed workers who have exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits to file for an extension of up to thirteen weeks of benefits.

The extension is **EFFECTIVE** March 10, 2002, and is referred to as Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC). The extension is scheduled to end December 31, 2002.

In addition, the Act provides for a second extension if the state meets certain criteria. At this time, California does not meet the minimum requirements to activate the second extension. The Employment Development Department (EDD) will update its Web site if conditions change and California later meets the criteria to enter into the second extension.

Individuals may file an extension by using one of EDD's <u>on-line applications</u>, or by telephone using one of the toll-free telephone numbers listed below:

English	1-800-300-5616
Spanish	1-800-326-8937
Cantonese	1-800-547-3506
Vietnamese	1-800-547-2058
Outside Of CA	1-800-250-3913
TTY (Non Voice)	1-800-815-9387

Additional information about eligibility for these extended unemployment benefits is available on the <u>Internet</u>.

If you have any questions regarding extended benefits, please contact the **EDD**.

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